

Stations of the Hornby Series

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I HAVE been very much struck recently as a result of examining layouts sent in by members of the Hornby Railway Company with the comparatively small attention that appears to be given to utilising the various stations in the Hornby Series. The attractiveness of any layout is greatly increased by judicious arrangement of stations, whether terminal stations or



RAILWAY STATION No. 1

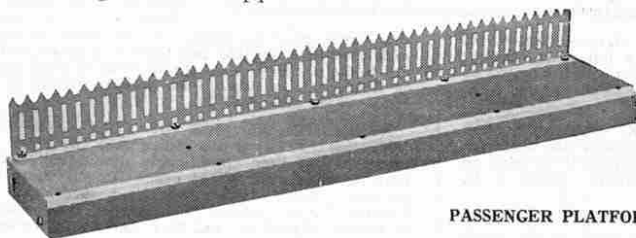
mere passing stations for stopping trains. The range of model stations in the Hornby Series is such as to provide very great possibilities, and I am taking this opportunity of drawing attention to the special features of the different types.

Take Railway Station No. 1, for instance. This consists of quite a simple block of station buildings, very attractively coloured. If really used in its correct place, this station should stand as a suburban station. The length of the platform itself is $16\frac{3}{4}$ in.

At this point I am reminded of various letters I have received from time to time asking why there was not included in the Hornby Series a station long enough to accommodate a three-coach train with locomotive and tender. I had to explain to the writers of these letters that it is unpractical for various reasons to manufacture stations made to correct scale length. In order to overcome this difficulty, however, Hornby stations are specially designed so that it is possible to attach sections of plain platform to the section of the platform supporting the station building. The result is that the total length of the station may be increased as required, and this is a point that appears to have been overlooked by



RAILWAY STATION No. 2

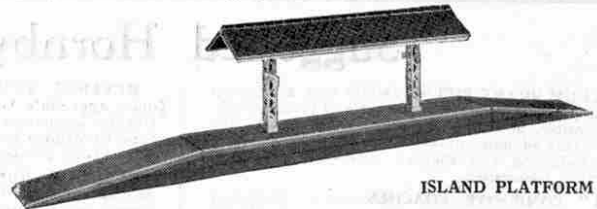


PASSENGER PLATFORM

many Hornby enthusiasts. The sections of platform that may be used for lengthening a station are known as "Passenger Platforms." These also are $16\frac{3}{4}$ in. in length, this being the standard length of all Hornby Platforms.

The No. 2 Station is similar to the No. 1, but is complete with two ramps and has additional details such as chimneys on the roofs. The palings that are included at the rear of the station add greatly to its general appearance.

Another point that seems to trouble quite a number of H.R.C. members is that of a suitable terminal station. It is very frequently suggested that a terminal station should be added to the Hornby Series, but such a station would be very costly to produce, and as a matter of fact it is not really necessary. The combination of Railway Station No. 2, without ramps, and two or four "Passenger



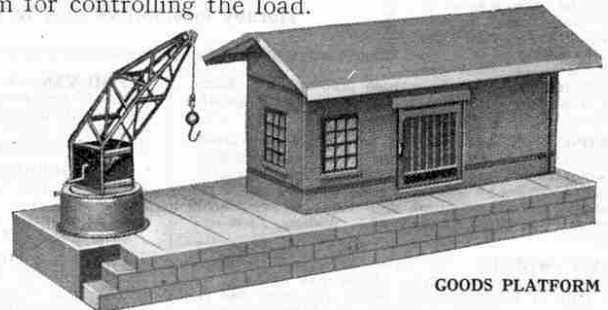
ISLAND PLATFORM

Platforms" running off at right-angles, will be found to form a very attractive bay for a terminal station. When two lines are run into this bay, and are finished off by means of a couple of buffer stops, the appearance is very definitely realistic.

The Hornby Island Platform serves a useful purpose in cases where large terminal stations are laid out and platforms are required with two faces. These island platforms may be used also in suitable positions on important through stations. It is useful to remember that detachable ramps, similar to those supplied with Railway Station No. 2, but without

palings, are supplied with the Island Platform.

A recent addition, and one that I am pleased to say is being received with the enthusiasm it deserves, is the new Goods Platform. This is most attractive in appearance and includes a realistic Goods Shed fitted with sliding doors. The Goods Shed may be used for storing goods that may be discharged from trains by means of the automatically revolving crane that is also fitted to this platform. The crane is in itself quite an interesting piece of mechanism and is fitted with a crank and ratchet mechanism for controlling the load.



GOODS PLATFORM

Another point to which I wish to draw attention is that white palings as supplied with the Passenger Platform may also be purchased separately, price sixpence per length. This fencing is extremely useful for many purposes, and is remarkably effective in giving a finished and attractive appearance to a station of any kind.